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been a remarkable one. It has introduced, in many respects, a new spirit and purpose, and even method, into the handling of international affairs. Its results in the improvement of international law have been large. No intelligent view of the relation of the United States to the rest of the world, during the more than a century and a quarter of its existence, can be reached without a fair knowledge of this diplomatic history. Mr. Foster, who has been in the State Department and had otherwise a large experience in international affairs, has, in a single volume, put the salient facts of this history within reach of any one who cares to know them. He gives us a succinct account of our diplomacy in its infancy, and of the origin and growth of the State Department. His review gives an interesting sketch of the work of many of our most distinguished statesmen in the Department of Foreign Affairs, and of the obstacles which they had to meet. Franklin, Jay, Adams, Jefferson, Randolph, Pickering, Marshall, Madison, Monroe, J. Q. Adams, Clay, Van Buren, Livingston, Forsyth, Webster, Calhoun, Buchanan, Clayton, Marcy, Cass, Seward, Fish, all appear in Mr. Foster's pages in their "working clothes," engaged in the great diplomatic negotiations and discussions which form a most intensely interesting thread in the history of the country. American diplomacy has done much for international arbitration, and this service receives due attention from the author.

We are sorry that Mr. Foster stopped in his review with the year 1876. Most of our memories are very short. We hope he will add a chapter to the next edition of his book bringing the record down at least to the beginning of Mr. McKinley's administration. This is essential to the fullest value of the work, which will henceforth be considered indispensable in every library of political literature.

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